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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Haruo ITO, et al.

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Diagnosing Abnormality and
Estimating Degradation in Valve
Apparatus

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.